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THE JURY IS IN AND THE VERDICT FOR SPIDER-MAN IS...
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THE ARACHNIS PROJECT, PART THREE
JURY RIGGED!
THE STORY SO FAR: IN WASHINGTON DC VISITING HIS FORMER COLLEGE PROFESSOR, TOSHIRO MIKASHI, THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN UNCOVERS A SECRET SOCIETY RESPONSIBLE FOR A MASSIVE CRIME WAVE THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL. AS PETER PARKER, SPIDEY LEARNS THAT HIS PAL HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE ARACHNIS PROJECT, A GENETIC FORMULA WHICH COULD LEAD TO A CURE FOR CANCER. OUR HEROES ARE GASSED BY THE BAD GUYS, AND...
GET MIKASHI IN THE VAN ASAP! HE'S GOT TO BE TAUGHT WHAT HAPPENS TO BIG-MOUTHED EGGHEADS.
MEANWHILE, I'LL VENTILATE HIS BUDDY.
MIKASHI'S LIVING ROOM... MIDNIGHT.
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DAD?!?! WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE? I SMELL GAS!
I THOUGHT THE KNOCKOUT GAS WOULD'VE PENETRATED TO THE SECOND FLOOR!
CRUD-O-LA! IT'S MIKASHI'S DAUGHTER, MIHO!
NO TIME TO PUMP MORE GAS UP THERE! JUST SHOOT HER!
AND SINCE OUR HEAT'S PACKIN' SILENCERS, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WAKING UP ANY NOSEY NEIGHBORS!
YOU JERKS HAVE MORE TO WORRY ABOUT THAN INTERRUPTING THE SHEEP COUNTERS! THIS HERE'S A .357 MAGNUM WITH HOLLOW-POINT ROUNDS...
...WHICH WILL EASILY PENETRATE YOUR HOLLOW, POINTED HEADS...
...IF YOU DON'T LEAVE MY POPPA AND ME ALONE!!
KA-BUZH! KA-BUZH! KA-BUZH!
CLEAR OUT! WE GOT WHAT WE NEED!
GET HIM IN THE VAN! WE'RE HOT!
KA-BUZH KA-BUZH
MY LEG!
I DON'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR THIS DUMP WHEN THE COPS SHOW UP!
WE'LL COME BACK FOR THE GIRL LATER!
SCREEEEEECHH!

OKAY, BUSTER...
...YOU'VE GOT A TOTAL OF TWO SECONDS TO CONVINCE ME THAT YOU WEREN'T WITH THOSE GOONS WHO TOOK MY DAD...
HHRRNN?
...BEFORE YOU END UP WITH A THIRD NOSTRIL!
WHOA! COME ON, MIHO! I WAS KNOCKED OUT! THEY ZAPPED ME WITH ELECTRICITY!* HOW COULD I BE WITH THEM?!
* LAST ISH --ERIC
ALL I KNOW IS THAT YOU SHOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE AND SECONDS LATER MY LIVING ROOM MAKES LIKE THE OK CORRAL! WELL, I'M READY TO PLAY ANNIE OAKLEY!
WHAT KIND OF MESS HAS MY FATHER GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO, PARKER? WHAT WERE YOU TWO TALKING ABOUT?
I'LL TELL YOU WHATEVER I CAN, MIHO... I PROMISE! BUT FIRST...
BUGS.
K-KKK
...I'LL USE MY SPIDER-SENSE TO FIND WHATEVER LISTENING DEVICE THOSE GUYS PLANTED IN HERE... GOT IT!
WHATCHA LOOKING FOR, PARKER?
NOW IT'S SAFE TO TALK.

YOUR DAD'S BEEN WORKING ON A CURE FOR CANCER, BASED ON GENETIC DNA ELEMENTS FROM THE EXO-SKELETONS OF SPIDERS...
...WHEN HE RAN OUT OF MONEY HE FELL IN WITH SOME SECRET SOCIETY WHO'VE BEEN FINANCING HIS WORK. BUT THEY WANT TO CONVERT HIS ARACHNIS PROJECT FROM A MEDICAL PROCEDURE TO A WEAPONS PACKAGE."
THAT'S WHAT THEY USED TO KILL HIS STUDENT, HOPING TO SCARE HIM STRAIGHT.
AS ISSUE #1. --ERIC
AS EXPLAINED LAST ISH! --ERIC
POOR POPPA. ALL HIS LIFE HE'S BEEN AN OUTSIDER LOOKING IN.
YEARS AGO IN JAPAN, POPPA'S FAMILY OPPOSED THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AND WERE OSTRACIZED THEY MOVED TO THE STATES, BUT AGAIN WERE LOOKED UPON WITH DISTRUST.
SO POPPA WORKED AND STUDIED, AND BECAME A GREAT SCIENTIST, BUT STILL HE WAS PASSED OVER FOR PROMOTIONS AND LUCRATIVE JOBS BY THE OLD BOYS NETWORKS OF THE POST-WAR BOOM COMPANIES.
THAT WAS OKAY FOR HIM THOUGH, UNTIL MOMMA DIED, TWO YEARS AGO. HE BECAME INCREASINGLY DEPRESSED.
NOW, I FEAR, SOMEONE HAS MADE HIM AN OFFER TO BE PART OF A GREATER GOOD, BUT IT REALLY ISN'T THAT GREAT OR GOOD.
HEY! ISN'T THAT THE ESU YEARBOOK?
I... I REMEMBER THE DAY I WROTE THAT. UNTIL TONIGHT, IT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW YOUR FATHER.

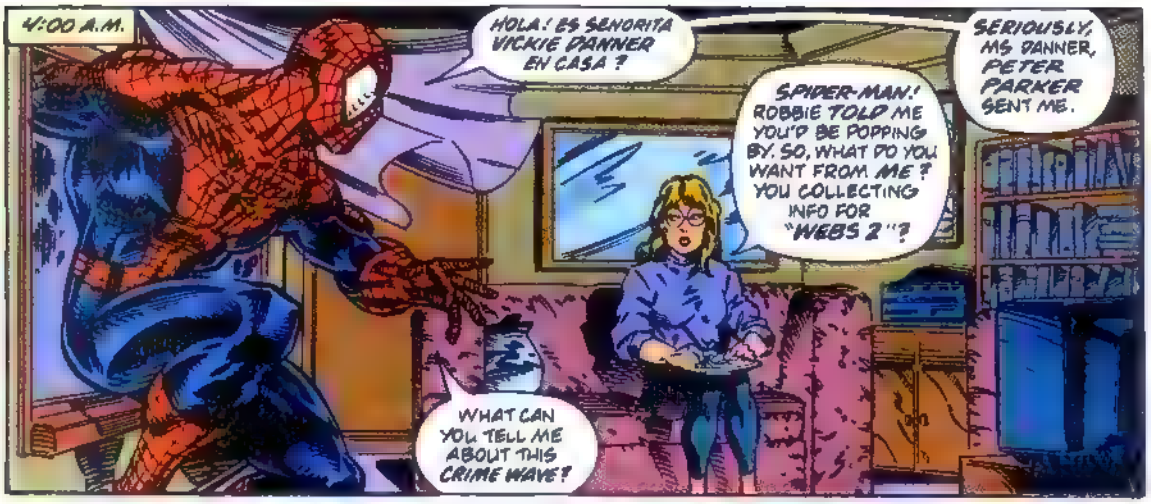
DON'T WORRY, MIHO. I'LL BRING YOUR DAD BACK SAFE AND SOUND.
I JUST HOPE THOSE GOONS COME BACK... I'VE GOT PLENTY MORE BULLETS!
SHE'S A FEISTY ONE... JUST LIKE HER DAD.
CAN'T HELP BUT THINK OF THAT SIGNATURE... ALWAYS, PETER.
BUT I'M BARELY PETER ANYMORE. I'M SPIDER-MAN, NOW... VIRTUALLY ALL THE TIME.
I SHOULDN'T BE BOUND BY THAT ANCIENT PACT.
ALWAYS, PETER... ALWAYS...
...SPIDER-MAN!
ONE A.M. IN AN UNDERGROUND BUNKER, NOT FIVE MILES AWAY...
LEMME GO, YOU OVERSTUFFED TIN CAN!
AH, THIS MUST BE THE SNEAK THIEF...
JURY! MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE PERIMETER!
YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT YOU HAVE BLOWN YOUR "AUDITION" WITH THIS SOCIETY. *
SO WHAT?! I HEAR THE FOOD IN THIS DUMP STINKS, ANYWAY!
SHE'S GOT SPUNK, DON'T SHE, GENERAL TAYLOR?
* SEE ISH #1. --ERIC

GOT MORE'N $PUNK... SHE'S A FLIPPIN' MUTANT!
GROSS! AM NOT, STUPID SPOILER!
THE SOURCE OF YOUR CLOAKING ABILITIES IS NOT AT ISSUE HERE. YOUR CONTINUED EXISTENCE IS.
WE'RE ALL QUITE DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, GIRL... YOU'D'VE MADE A GOOD OPERATIVE WITH MORE EXPERIENCE...
...YEAH, BUT SHE WON'T BE GETTING ANY MORE NOW! HEH HEH HEH!
I DON'T CARE IF SCREECH IS THE GENERAL'S SON... HE'S A CREEP!
WELL GOSH, GENERAL NUISANCE! I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOUR ARMOR-PLATED BOY SCOUTS FRY ME...
...SPIDER-MAN'S IN TOWN, AND HE SAW YOUR DIGGER KIDNAP ME!*
*LAST ISSUE. ERIC.
SPIDER-MAN?!
I'D LOVE A SHOT AT THAT BUG!
BOMBLAST IS READY TO ROLL, TOO!
SENTRY, MONITOR THE CITY LOOKING FOR ANY SIGN OF THE WALL-CRAWLER.
ROGER THAT, SIR!
AND HAVE THE OTHERS REPORT TO THE R&D* LAB TO COMMENCE TEST RUNS ON THOSE NEW ARMOR SYSTEMS OUR... "HOSTS"... HAVE BEEN SO KIND TO PROVIDE.
*RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. --ERIC
YOU ARTFUL DODGER, YOU! I KNOW YOU SENT SPOILER TO KILL ME!
SPOILER'S AN OPERATIVE OF OUR HOSTS. IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO QUESTION THEIR METHODS.
TAKE HER AWAY!
NOW I KNOW WHAT THE HIPPIES MEANT!
ABOUT WHAT, GIRL?
NEVER TRUST ANYONE OVER THIRTY!

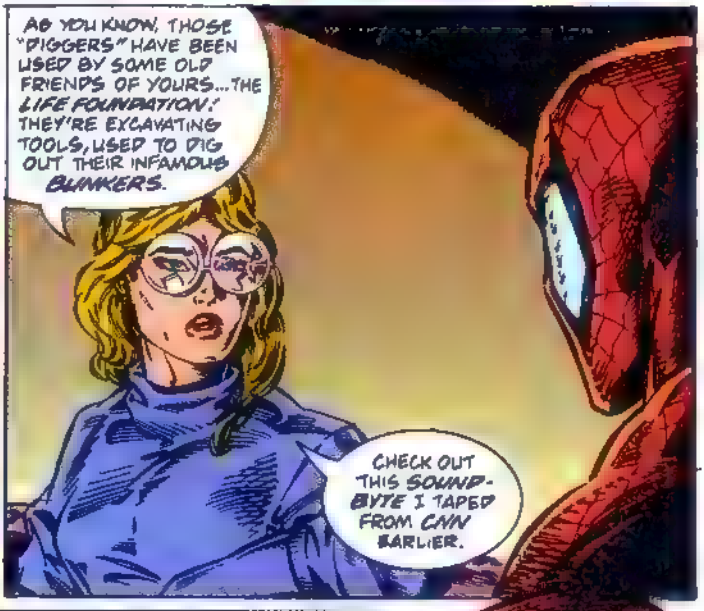
THIS IS IT... THE DETENTION UNIT.
I WOULDN'T WANNA END UP DOWN HERE, RAMSHOT!
HEY! HOW ABOUT A LITTLE SENSITIVITY FOR THE PRISONER?!
TELL IT TO THE RATS, KIDDO.
HEY, M'MAN... WHAT GOES DOWN IN THERE?
SORRY BUCKET-HEAD, BUT THAT INFORMATION IS GIVEN OUT ON A NEED TO KNOW BASIS, AND FRANKLY, YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW.
NOW WHY DON'T YOU BOYS GO BLOW BEFORE FIREARM SETS OFF THE SPRINKLERS AND YOU ALL RUST?
YOU FREAKING LANGELY-BOY!
COOL YOUR JETS, MAN! INSULTING HIS BASE OP WON'T CUT IT, RIGHT NOW!
JUST LET IT GO...!
I DIDN'T LIKE THAT SPRINKLER CRACK, EITHER!
RAMSHOT'S RIGHT, THOUGH. WE HAVE ENOUGH ON OUR PLATE RIGHT NOW... WHAT WITH TESTING THOSE NEW ARMOR PACKAGES!
I GUESS SO... BUT BOMBLAST ISN'T USED TO RUNNING FROM A SCRAP!
BABIES...
...EVERY STINKING ONE OF YOU.

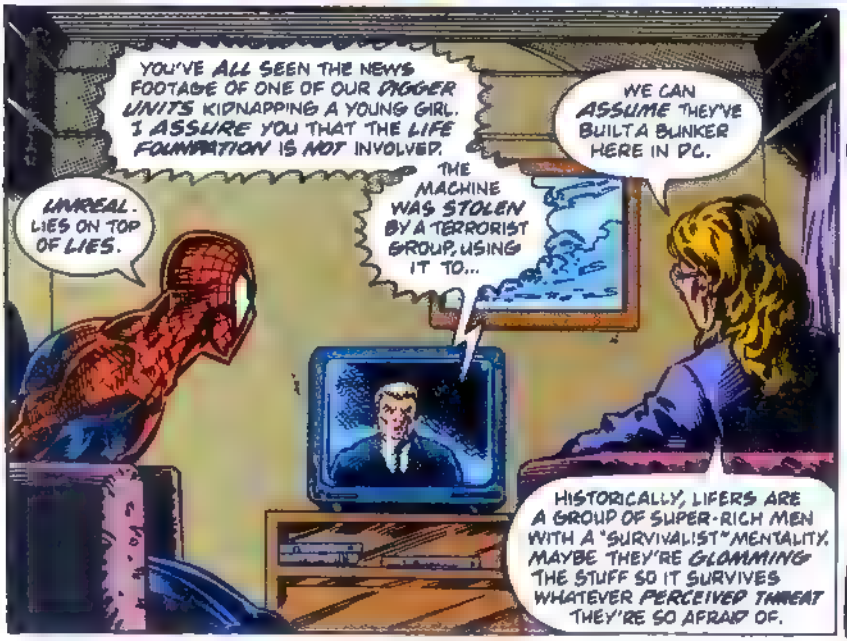
I HOPE YOUR NEW ARMOR COMES WITH DIAPERS!
ARMOR-SHMARMOR! WHAT GOOD IS IT IF WE'RE ALWAYS SITTING ON OUR COLLECTIVE BUTTS?
YEAH! WE SPEND MORE TIME IN THIS BUNKER THAN WE DO HUNTING VENOM! THAT THING KILLED YOUR BROTHER AND DOZENS MORE. DON'T YOU EVEN CARE?
JUST SHUT UP AND DO WHAT MY FATHER TELLS YOU TO DO... MOST PEOPLE WISH THEY HAD COOL ARMOR AND GOT TO BLOW STUFF UP!
YOU'RE STILL GETTING PAID SO WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHAT YOU'RE DOING?
LATER, GIRLS... I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO THIS GARBAGE!
GENERAL'S OFFICE, 2:30 AM.
MIKASHI'S HERE? GOOD.
RUN A MED-CHECK ON HIM, PUT HIM TO BED, AND HAVE HIM COMMENCE WORK PROMPTLY AT 0700 HOURS.
HUGH ALWAYS LIKED IT WHEN YOU TOLD MILITARY TIME, DAD.
HUGH'S DEAD, SON. REMEMBER THAT.
I SUGGEST YOU GET SOME REST. BIG DAY TOMORROW. I'M OFF TO A MEETING.
DAD... WHY DID YOU ALLY US WITH THESE PEOPLE?
ONE HAND WASHES THE OTHER, MAX.
WE HELP OUR FRIENDS WITH THEIR AGENDA; THEY'LL HELP US WITH OURS.
BESIDES, DESPITE THE EMOTIONAL SATISFACTION OF KILLING THAT SYMBIOTIC MADMAN, IT GENERATES NO CAPITAL!
RATHER SHORT-SIGHTED, CONSIDERING WE LIVE IN A CAPITALIST SOCIETY, DON'T YOU THINK?
DAD ALWAYS LIKED HUGH BETTER... I USED THE JURY AND THIS VENGEANCE QUEST TO GET CLOSER TO HIM.
COULD IT BE HE'S USING THAT FOR HIS OWN AGENDA? AND WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE BUT TO FOLLOW THIS THING TO THE BITTER END?

3 A.M., ONLY FOLKS OUT ARE MILKMEN AND SPIDER-MAN.
PHONE
YEAH, I KNOW IT'S EARLY, ROBBIE. BUT CAN YOU HELP ME OUT JUST THIS ONCE?
"ONCE"? NOW THERE'S THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE YEAR!
C'MON, ROBBIE! I NEED A CANARY!
ALL RIGHT, SPIDER-MAN... THE BUGLE'S WASHINGTON DC LIAISON IS A WOMAN NAMED VICKIE PANNER. SHE CAN GIVE YOU ANY LOCAL GOSSIP YOU'LL NEED.
THANKS, MR. R.!
MEANWHILE, IN THAT MYSTERIOUS BUNKER...
WHY DID YOU AUTHORIZE THE PIGGER EXTRACTION OF THE SNEAK THIEF LIKE THAT, GENERAL TAYLOR? THERE WERE CAMERAS EVERY-WHERE?! ;KAFF! COUGH!;
"MR. R." IS CORRECT. WE'RE VIRTUALLY ADVERTISING OUR PRESENCE HERE IN THE CAPITAL.
I'VE HANDLED IT, "MR. T." WE'LL SPIN-DOCTOR THE WHOLE THING. SAY IT WAS A STOLEN UNIT!
ON TO OTHER MATTERS.
;COUGH!; HOW ARE THINGS COMING ALONG WITH THE ARACHNIS PROJECT? WE'RE ON A TIMETABLE, HERE.
THERE'S BEEN SOME PROGRESS... MIKASHI'S BEEN BROUGHT HERE TO COMPLETE...
;KAFF!; THE END IS COMING ANY DAY NOW, AND ARACHNIS COULD BE JUST THE TICKET TO SAVE WHAT'S LEFT OF MY CANCER-RIDDEN FRAME!
WHAT'S THE USE OF SURVIVING "THE END TIMES" IF YOU DON'T SURVIVE UNTIL THE END TIMES?!? ;COUGH! COUGH!;
HE'S GETTING WORSE. PERHAPS PROPRIETORSHIP OF THIS GROUP WILL SOON BE CHANGING HANDS.
GET IT TO WORK, GENERAL... AND DO IT QUICKLY! BECAUSE SHOULD WE WREST CONTROL OF THIS PROJECT FROM YOUR HANDS, THEN...
...WELL, WE NO LONGER NEED YOU THEN, DO WE?


4:00 A.M.
HOLA! ES SENORITA VICKIE DANNER EN CASA?
SERIOUSLY, MS DANNER, PETER PARKER SENT ME.
SPIDER-MAN! ROBBIE TOLD ME YOU'D BE POPPING BY. SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME? YOU COLLECTING INFO FOR "WEBS 2"?
WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS CRIME WAVE?

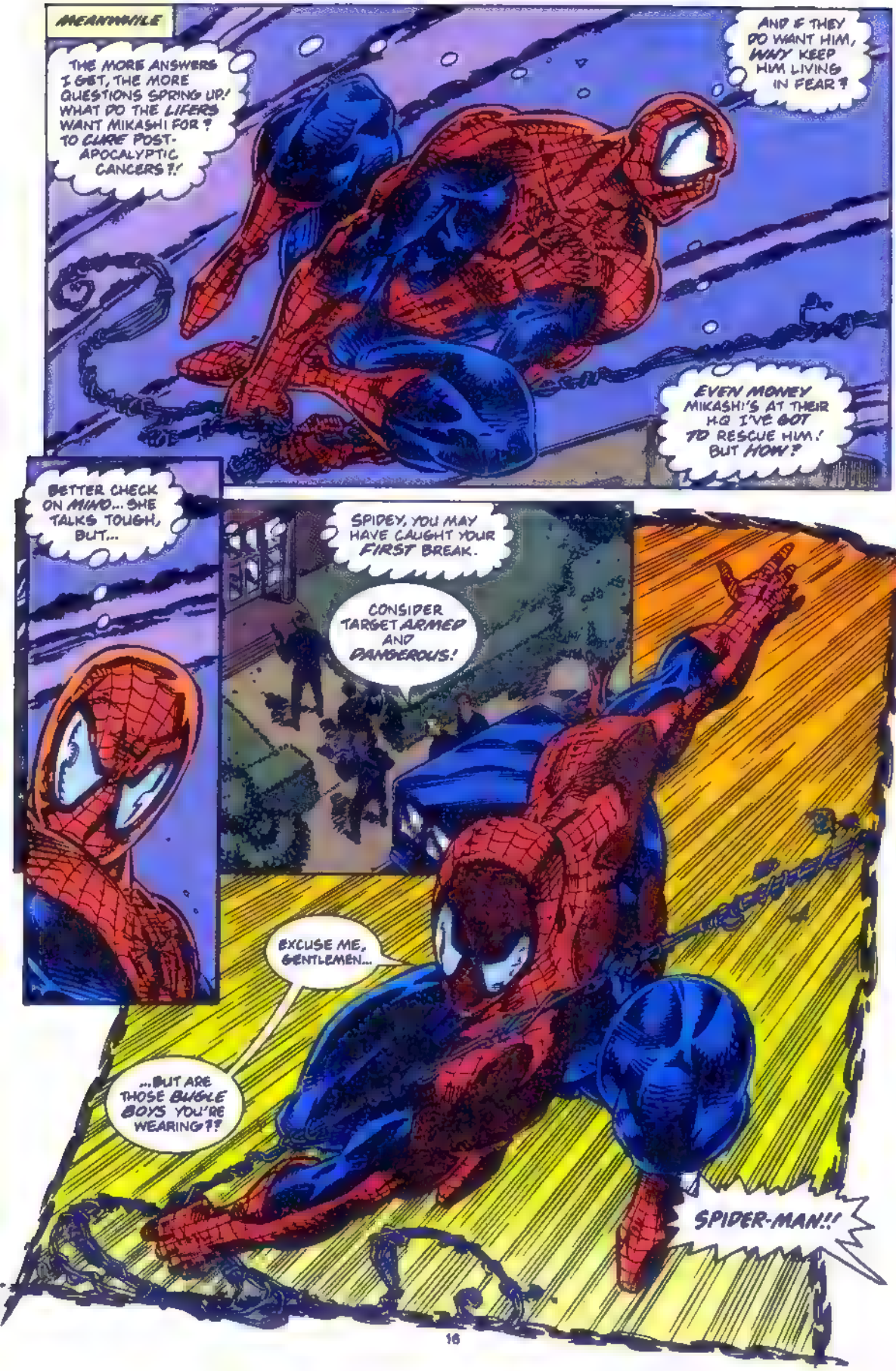
WELL, ONLY THE MOST VALUABLE STUFF OF A SCIENTIFIC, HISTORICAL, OR SCIENTIFIC NATURE HAS BEEN TAKEN, AS IF SOMEONE WERE STOCKPILING IT.
LAST ISH! -- ERIC


AS YOU KNOW, THOSE "DIGGERS" HAVE BEEN USED BY SOME OLD FRIENDS OF YOURS...THE LIFE FOUNDATION! THEY'RE EXCAVATING TOOLS, USED TO DIG OUT THEIR INFAMOUS BUNKERS.
CHECK OUT THIS SOUND-BYTE I TAPED FROM CNN EARLIER.


YOU'VE ALL SEEN THE NEWS FOOTAGE OF ONE OF OUR DIGGER UNITS KIDNAPPING A YOUNG GIRL. I ASSURE YOU THAT THE LIFE FOUNDATION IS NOT INVOLVED.
WE CAN ASSUME THEY'VE BUILT A BUNKER HERE IN DC.
THE MACHINE WAS STOLEN BY A TERRORIST GROUP, USING IT TO...
UNREAL. LIES ON TOP OF LIES.
HISTORICALLY, LIFERS ARE A GROUP OF SUPER-RICH MEN WITH A "SURVIVALIST" MENTALITY. MAYBE THEY'RE GLOMMING THE STUFF SO IT SURVIVES WHATEVER PERCEIVED THREAT THEY'RE SO AFRAID OF.

VICKIE, IF THIS MASK HAD A MOUTH, I'D KISS YOU!

CUT TO. SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT.
WELCOME TO APOLLO AIRLINES, SIR...
...YOUR FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS ARE STRAIGHT AHEAD ARE YOU FLYING FOR BUSINESS OR PLEASURE?
BOTH.
I'M ATTENDING A REUNION!
CUT TO: LIFE FOUNDATION DETENTION CENTER.
IF ONLY I COULD REACH THAT STUPID [redacted]!
WELL, NO USE TRYING TO WISH MY WAY OUTTA HERE. BETTER IMPROVISE.
MAYBE I CAN PICK THE LOCK. I'LL TAKE APART THIS EARRING AND... HEY!
A TRACER! SO THAT'S HOW THE DIGGER FOUND ME! I WAS AFRAID I WAS LOSING MY "CLOAKING" ABILITY.
NOT THAT I KNOW HOW I GOT MY POWER OR HOW IT WORKS... THAT'S FOR ANOTHER DAY...
KRUNTCH!
...ASSUMING I GET ONE, WHICH I WON'T IF I DON'T GET OUTTA THIS DUMP!


MEANWHILE
THE MORE ANSWERS I GET, THE MORE QUESTIONS SPRING UP! WHAT DO THE LIFERS WANT MIKASHI FOR? TO CURE POST-APOCALYPTIC CANCERS?!
AND IF THEY DO WANT HIM, WHY KEEP HIM LIVING IN FEAR?
EVEN MONEY MIKASHI'S AT THEIR H.Q. I'VE GOT TO RESCUE HIM! BUT HOW?
BETTER CHECK ON MIKO... SHE TALKS TOUGH, BUT...
SPIDEY, YOU MAY HAVE CAUGHT YOUR FIRST BREAK.
CONSIDER TARGET ARMED AND DANGEROUS!
EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN...
...BUT ARE THOSE BUGLE BOYS YOU'RE WEARING?!
SPIDER-MAN!!

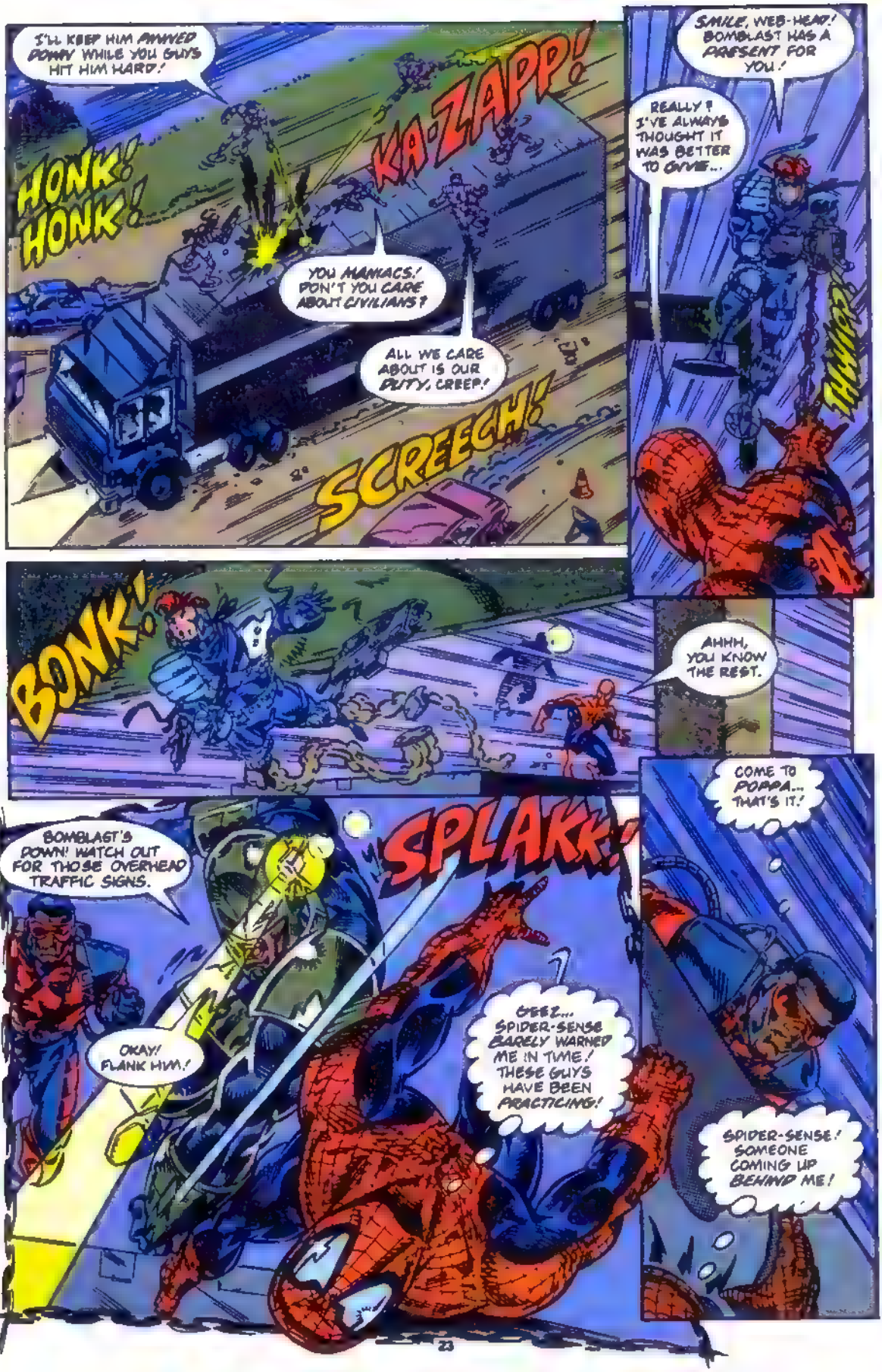
CRUNCH!
I HEAR TELL...
...I'M TO BE ADORED!
THUMP!
THE ONE, ONLY AND WORLD FAMOUS!
KER-POW!
KLICK!
KLICK!
SPIDER SENSE!
SHOULD'VE BEEN LOCKED & LOADED, BOYS!
THWIPP!
THWAPP!
AWW! YOU MISSED!
NO SECOND CHANCES WITH THIS WEB-HEAD!
I DON'T THINK SO!
BASSSHH!

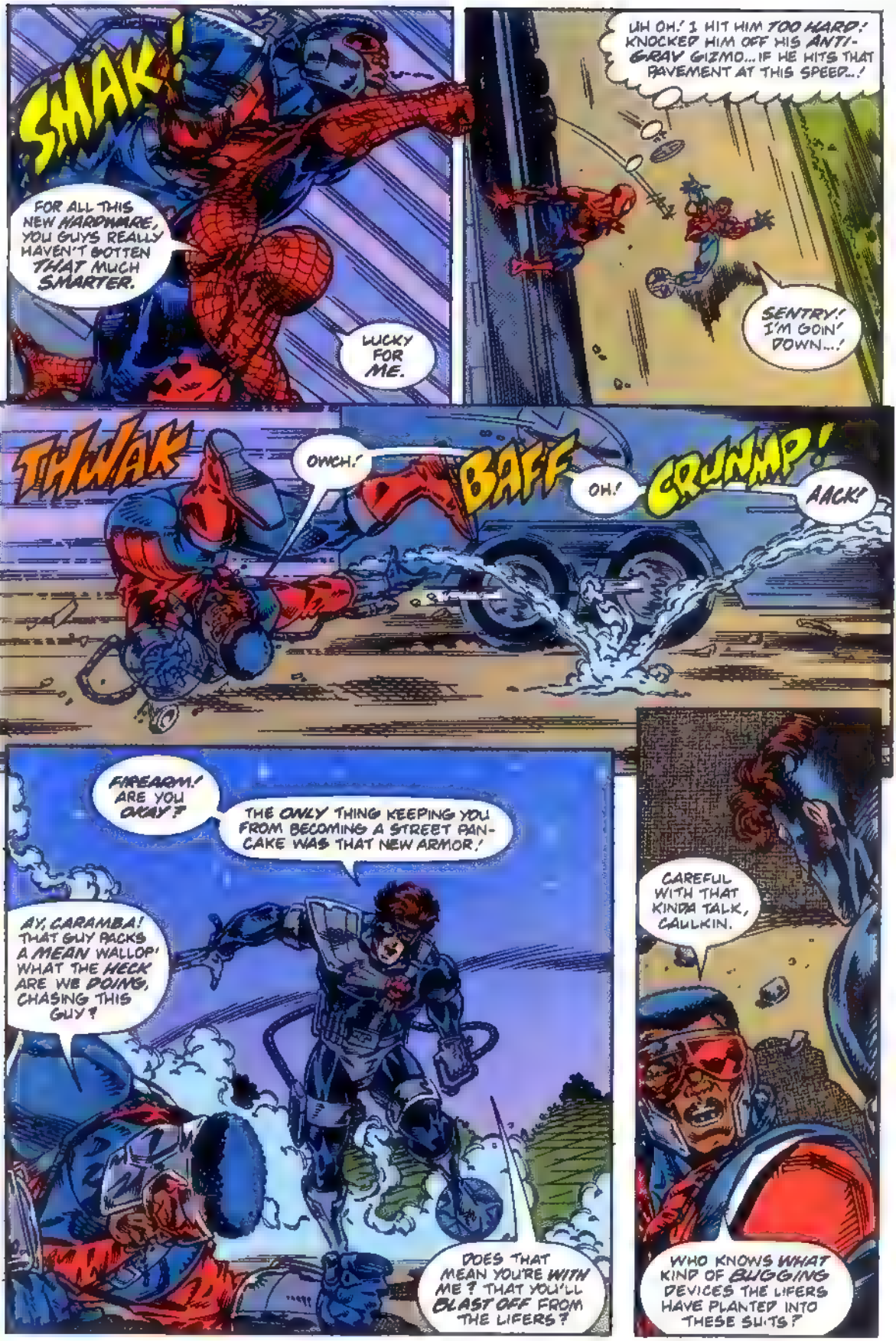
OKAY, UGLY... SPILL INFO OR TEETH...
...THE BALL'S IN YOUR COURT.
I...I DUNNO NUTHIN'!
SIGH.
LOOK. I KNOW YOU'RE PROBABLY GETTING READY TO SEND OUT SOME KIND OF DISTRESS SIGNAL. SO GO AHEAD. DO IT.
SERIOUSLY?
IT'LL TAKE A LOT LESS OF MY TIME AND ENERGY BY HAVING THE BAD GUYS COME TO ME THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
WELL... OKAY.
BEEP!
AS OF THIS INSTANT, AN EMERGENCY DISTRESS SIGNAL IS ALERTING THE LIFE FOUNDATION BUNKER...WE COULDN'T BE HOTTER, SPIDER-MAN.
CAN'T BE COOKIN' [illegible], CREEP-O.
THE AFORSEMENTIONED BUNKER....
YO! REVEILLE! GET YOUR KNEES TO THE BREEZE!
WHAT'S UP, TOP?
ACTION AT LAST!! WE HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT TOPSIDE! ONE OF THE LIFE FOUNDATION DARK SUITS HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY SPIDER-MAN!
BETTER YET, THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO TEST OUT THAT NEW ARMOR!
WE COULD KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE. WE'D LIKE TO USE SPIDER-MAN IN AN EXPERIMENT WE'RE PLANNING.
BRING HIM BACK IN ONE PIECE, OKAY?
FIRST SERGEANT --LT FEIN

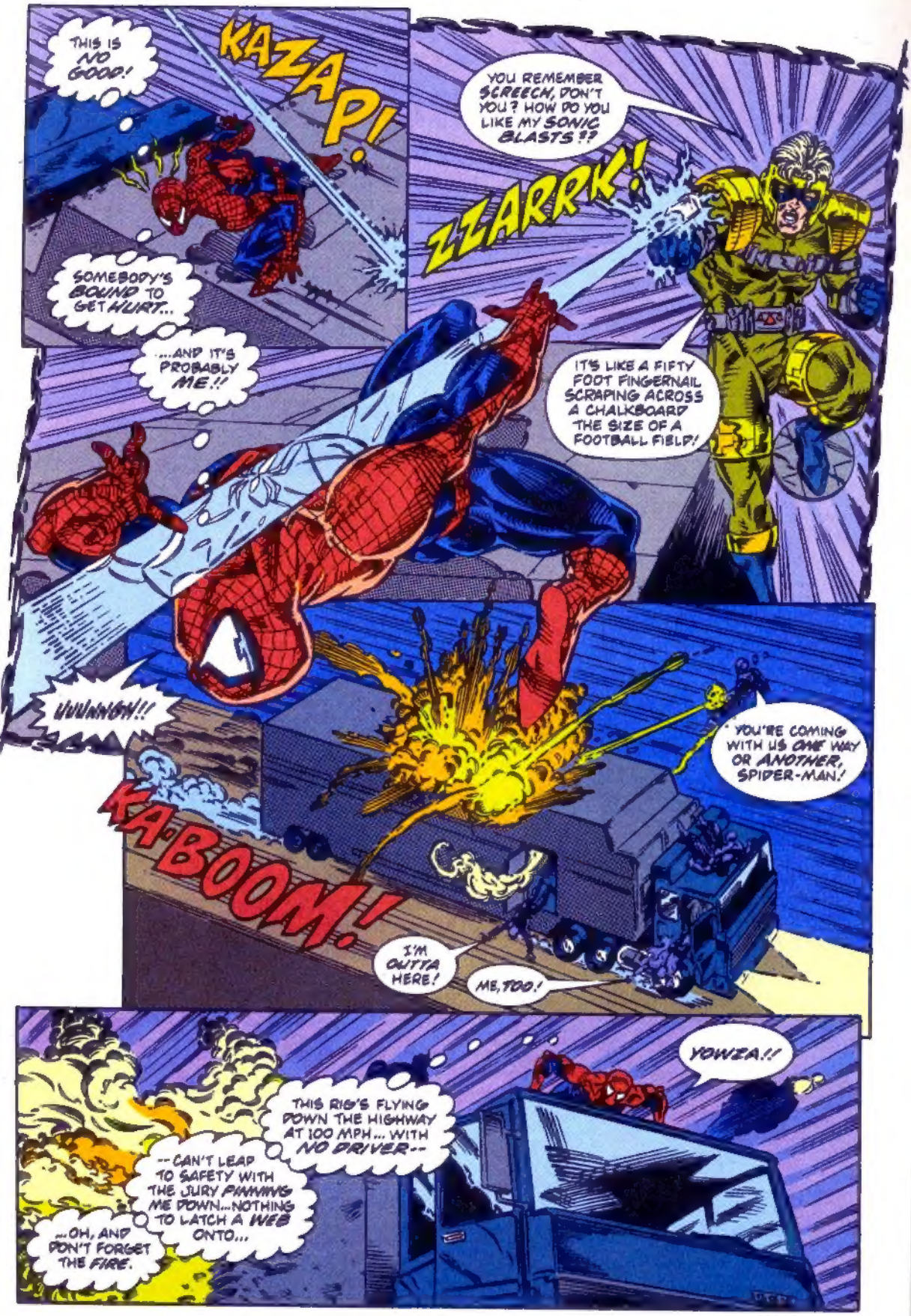
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, SPIDER-MAN. THE LIFE FOUNDATION ISN'T ACCUSTOMED TO PLAYING GAMES WITH COSTUMED VIGILANTES.
I'LL BE THERE PERSONALLY WITH A GIANT CAN OF BUG-SPRAY EAR-MARKED JUST FOR YOU.
TOUGH TALK, BUDDY. MEAN-WHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE OUR RIDE IS HERE
IS THIS HOW YOUR LIFER VEHICLES ARE ABLE TO VANISH SO EASILY... YOU HIDE THEM IN THE BACK OF ANONYMOUS TRAILER TRUCKS?
HEY, WEB-HEAD... I MAY BE YOUR PRISONER.. BUT I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU OUR SECRETS.
VROOOOM!
OKAAY, THEN... FINE. KEEP ALL YOUR PARANOID DELUSIONAL FANTASIES TO YOURSELF.
GO AHEAD AND LAUGH I JUST HOPE I'M THERE IN THE LIFE FOUNDATION BUNKER TO WATCH YOU POUNDING ON OUR DOORS AS THEY START WORLD WAR III.!
YEAH... LIKE YOU'D SURVIVE.
UH-OH! SPIDER-SENSE! LOOKS LIKE MY TRUMP CARD IS ABOUT TO GET PLAYED.
LET'S DO THIS ONE BY THE NUMBERS, BOYS.
THAT'S A ROG, SENTRY THE ASSAULT TEAM IS A GREENER.
SCREECH, HOW 'BOUT YOU SUPPRESSION BOYS?
PRIMED AND PUMPED, BIG MAN.!
SOMEBODY'S COMING... BUT WHO? MAYBE SPIDEY'D BETTER TAKE THINGS INTO MY OWN HANDS.!

HOLY COW! HE RIPPED RIGHT THROUGH THAT ALUMINUM MESH LIKE IT WAS PAPER! SCREECH! YOU AND FIREARM KNOW WHAT TO DO!
BEGIN SUPPRESSION TACTICS!
DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE, SENTRY! I'VE BEEN ITCHING FOR SOME ACTION!
JUST MAKE SURE THAT MR RESERVE STATUS, RAMSHOT, DOESN'T MESS UP OUR JURY DUTY!
SKRUNCH!
WHAT THE -? WHO ARE YOU GUYS?

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE UNIFORMS, SPIDER-MAN! YOU'RE GOING HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH THE JURY!
DON'T MAKE US HURT YOU, SPIDER-MAN!
YEAH! IT WOULD BE A REAL SHAME IF FIREARM AND BOMBLAST HAD TO DO A TAP DANCE ON YOUR HEAD!
FOR THIS I GOT OUT OF BED THIS MORNING?


I'LL KEEP HIM PINNED DOWN WHILE YOU GUYS HIT HIM HARD!
HONK! HONK!
KA-ZAPP!
YOU MANIACS! DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT CIVILIANS?
ALL WE CARE ABOUT IS OUR DUTY, CREEP!
SCREECH!
SMILE, WEB-HEAD! BOMBLAST HAS A PRESENT FOR YOU!
REALLY? I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER TO GIVE...
THWIP!
BONK!
AHHH, YOU KNOW THE REST.
BOMBLAST'S DOWN! WATCH OUT FOR THOSE OVERHEAD TRAFFIC SIGNS.
SPLAKK!
COME TO POPPA... THAT'S IT!
OKAY! FLANK HIM!
GEEZ... SPIDER-SENSE BARELY WARNED ME IN TIME! THESE GUYS HAVE BEEN PRACTICING!
SPIDER-SENSE! SOMEONE COMING UP BEHIND ME!


SMAK!
FOR ALL THIS NEW HARDWARE, YOU GUYS REALLY HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT MUCH SMARTER.
LUCKY FOR ME.
UH OH! I HIT HIM TOO HARD! KNOCKED HIM OFF HIS ANTI-GRAV GIZMO... IF HE HITS THAT PAVEMENT AT THIS SPEED...!
SENTRY! I'M GOIN' DOWN...!
THWAK
OWCH!
BAFF
OH!
CRUNMP!
AACK!
FIREARM! ARE YOU OKAY?
THE ONLY THING KEEPING YOU FROM BECOMING A STREET PANCAKE WAS THAT NEW ARMOR!
AY, CARAMBA! THAT GUY PACKS A MEAN WALLOP! WHAT THE HECK ARE WE DOING, CHASING THIS GUY?
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE WITH ME? THAT YOU'LL BLAST OFF FROM THE LIFERS?
CAREFUL WITH THAT KINDA TALK, CAULKIN.
WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF BUGGING DEVICES THE LIFERS HAVE PLANTED INTO THESE SUITS?


THIS IS NO GOOD!
KAZAP!
SOMEBODY'S BOUND TO GET HURT...
...AND IT'S PROBABLY ME!!
YOU REMEMBER SCREECH, DON'T YOU? HOW DO YOU LIKE MY SONIC BLASTS!?
ZZARRK!
IT'S LIKE A FIFTY FOOT FINGERNAIL SCRAPING ACROSS A CHALKBOARD THE SIZE OF A FOOTBALL FIELD!
UUUNNGH!!
KA-BOOM!
YOU'RE COMING WITH US ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, SPIDER-MAN!
I'M OUTTA HERE!
ME, TOO!
YOWZA!!
THIS RIG'S FLYING DOWN THE HIGHWAY AT 100 MPH... WITH NO DRIVER--
--CAN'T LEAP TO SAFETY WITH THE JURY PINNING ME DOWN...NOTHING TO LATCH A WEB ONTO...
...OH, AND DON'T FORGET THE FIRE.

THE TRUCK'S GOING OVER THE EMBANKMENT..!
KEEP HIM HEMMED IN..!! I DON'T WANT HIM VANISHING IN THE SMOKE!!
SHEESH! THIS MAKES THE TRAIN CRASH SCENE IN THE FUGITIVE LOOK TAME!
KA-SMASSSHH!
THOOM!
I DOUBT THAT EVEN SPIDER-MAN COULD SURVIVE THAT INFERNO!

YOU REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT THE FIRE WILL ALSO DESTROY ANY EVIDENCE OF LIFE FOUNDATION ACTIVITY!
WHAT'S WITH YOU AND THIS CONSPIRACY SHTICK, RAMSHOT? WHY DON'T YOU JUST HANG OUT ON THE GRASSY KNOLL AND CALL IT A DAY?
WERE ANY OF YOU SURPRISED THAT SPIDEY PUT UP SUCH A BRUTAL, VIOLENT BATTLE?
SOMETHING'S CHANGED HIM SINCE WE LAST MET. HE'S DIFFERENT.
IS HE ALIVE? CAN ANYBODY SEE HIM?
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING HIM BACK ALIVE... FOR SOME KIND OF EXPERIMENT THEY WANNA DO!
IF WE ACCIDENTALY KILLED HIM THE GENERAL WILL BE CHEESED!
I SEE HIM! HE'S ALIVE!
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE BRINGING HIM BACK TO BASE IN OUR MOBILE CONTAINMENT UNIT INSTEAD OF A HEFTY BAG!
I HOPE HE'S BUSTED UP... I OWE HIM FOR THAT SUCKER PUNCH!
PULSE IS STEADY...!
HE WON'T BE RIPPING THROUGH THIS TITANIUM MESH NET ANYTIME TOO SOON!

THIS IS FIELD LEADER SENTRY CALLING IN TO LIFE FOUNDATION BUNKER #14...
... SPIDER-MAN IS UNHARMED AND IN CUSTODY!
EXCELLENT! PROCEED TO BASE IMMEDIATELY! WE'LL INFORM MR. DRAKE OF YOUR PENDING ARRIVAL.
THIS IS A DISGRACE, ROUNDING UP SUPER HEROES TO USE FOR MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS.' WHAT'S NEXT...
...RAIDING PUPPY FARMS?!?
SHUT UP, ALREADY! SPIDER-MAN WAS LOOKING FOR OUR BASE... HE GOT WHAT HE WANTED...
...JUST NOT QUITE THE WAY HE WANTED IT.
NEXT ISSUE: SPIDEY AT THE MERCY OF THE MERCILESS LIFE FOUNDATION! THE JURY DOUBLECROSSED BY ONE OF THEIR OWN! WHO'S THAT DUDE BOARDING THE PLANE? THE SECRET OF ARACHNIS... WILL IT WORK OR NOT? ALL THIS AND MORE! DON'T MISS IT!